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To whom this may concern,

It has just been brought to my attention that the Honolulu City Council Budget and Finance Committee will hear testimony about a proposed line item cut of \$172,500 to the Mayor's Office of Culture and the Arts (MOCA) 2009-2010 Budget. I am writing to let you know that I am strongly opposed to this. This new cut is more than a 50% reduction to MOCA's programs: budget line item 3006. This represents a disproportionate share of cuts to arts & culture funding, and will eliminate or drastically reduce support to many Culture and Arts organizations in Honolulu. The small grants that add so much to the vitality of our city ALSO leverage other resources, sustain jobs, help an already stretched education system. Many of these grants are awarded to subsidize community programs, and access to arts learning and engagement for our youth.

Voting in this line item would be a huge blow to one our city's greatest treasures, its arts and culture community.

Sincerely,
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